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COUNTRY	China	REPORT	REPORT			
SUBJECT	Food Ration Coupons Issued in Hangchou	DATE DISTR.		l December 1954		
		NO. OF PAGES		2		
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- 1. In the middle of March 1954 the Chinese Communist authorities in the Hangchou area issued a new food ration book (Kou Liang Cheng, 6356/8963/6214). The book measured four by six inches and contained nine pages. On the cover of the book a serial number and a red chop bearing the characters "Liang Shih Chu Kou Liang Cheng Chuan Yung Chang (8963/7380/1444/6356/8963/6214/1413/3938/4545)" appeared. A fee of JMP 400 was charged for each book. The coupons were issed for a period of January through June 1954, but they could only be used during the month which was printed on the individual coupons.
- 2. The coupons were issued by the Chinese Communist government to the Farmer Association (Nung Hui, 6593/2585), and the small team chiefs of the Farmers Association delivered them to the families in the area. Food coupons were issued to all families in cities, but only to families that needed them in the villages. In the event that good coupons were lost by the owner, the loss had to be reported to the Farmers Association, which referred the matter to the hsiang (6763) government, or to the Residents Association (Chu Min Hsieh Hui, 1446/3046/0588/2585), which referred the matter to the Police Detachment Station. New coupons were not issued until the authorities were satisfied that the old ones had to be turned in.
- 3. Edible oil coupons (Kou Yu Ch'uan, 6356/3111/0457) were issued in the same manner as the food coupons, except there was no charge for the edible oil coupons. These coupons were printed in lead type on colored paper and each coupon was 4.5 centimeters long and 3.8 centimeters wide. On each coupon was a red chop bearing the characters "Shang Yeh Chu (0794/2814/1444)." The coupons were for different units of issue; four liang (0357) and two liang. They allowed each person in the villages six liang of edible oil. If a farmer had his own rapeseed, peanut, or sesame oil, he could eat or sell it with no restrictions. In Hangchou city the allowance was 14 liang for each adult and 6 liang for each child. Previous to March the allowance of edible oil in Hangchou had been 12 liang for each adult and 4 liang for each child. The

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allowance in Shanghai was one catty per person whether adult or child. was not necessary to use up edible oil coupons; they could be saved if were not used. They were not replaced if they were lost.	It they 25X1	
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